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December 6, 2010

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker
H-232 U.S. Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Speaker Pelosi:

We are writing to express our unwavering and unconditional support for our colleague, Rep. Bobby L. Rush to be the Ranking Democratic Member of the Subcommittee on Communications, Technology & the Internet (CT&I).

It is highly probable that he will be the most senior Democrat on the subcommittee in the 112th Congress. His distinguished service as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection during the 110-111th Congresses mandates that he be accorded the priority and treatment he justly deserves throughout this entire process.

Bobby L. Rush has used each and every one of the 18 years he has served in the Congress to build a record of achievement on issues important to all Americans, and especially communities of color. For the last 16 years, Rep. Rush has served on an uninterrupted basis as an engaged, talented, and outspoken Member of the Telecom and Finance and CT&I subcommittees.

Further, Rep. Rush has a highly distinguished record of results that is easily proven by his recent successes in helping guide more than a dozen bills out of the Committee on Energy and Commerce from 2007-2010 – including the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act and the Wall Street Reform Act. Results such as these could not be achieved by a follower, only by a leader – and that sums up exactly who Rep. Rush is.

Provided that he is selected for the Ranking Member position on CT&I, Rep. Rush would become the first African-American to hold that position in the entire history of the U.S. House of Representatives.

As a testament to his contributions to communities of color and the hallowed Constitutional ideal of equality for all, Rep. Rush's candidacy has been supported by 19 national civil rights organizations, including the NAACP, NAFEO, NBCSL, and the National Urban League.

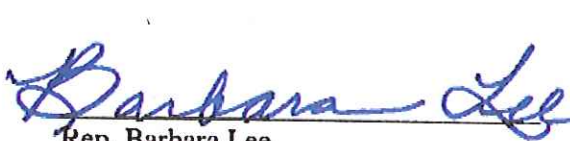



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It should go without saying that the constituencies represented by these organizations have a direct stake in the outcome of the Democratic Caucus's selections and are integral to the political fortunes of our national, state, and local Democratic parties and candidates.

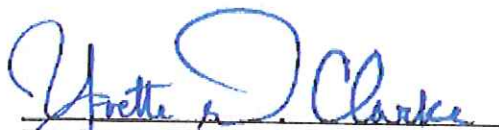
For these important reasons and others that are too numerous to list in this letter, we respectfully request that you join us in supporting Bobby L. Rush as the Ranking Democratic Member on the CT&I Subcommittee. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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